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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

Designation for the Olympia, WA Area

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing the designation of the Washington State Department of Agriculture (Washington) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015

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READ APPLICATIONS: All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the August 26, 2014, *Federal Register* (79 FR 50886), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by Washington. Applications were due by September 25, 2014.

The current official agency, Washington, was the only applicant for designation to

provide official services in these areas. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated the designation criteria in USGSA 7 U.S.C. 79(f), and determined that Washington is qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the *Federal Register* on August 26, 2014. This designation to provide official services in the specified areas of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington is effective January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2017.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting this agency at the following telephone number:

Official Agency	Headquarters Location and Telephone	Designation Start	Designation End
Washington	Olympia, WA.....360-902-1888	1/1/2015	12/31/2017

The USGSA authorizes the Secretary to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services 7 U.S.C. 79 (f).

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